

# Delaware State Police Investigating Collision With Three Fatalities- Newark

**Newark—** The Delaware State Police are investigating a motor vehicle collision involving three fatalities that occurred early this morning.

The incident occurred on September 19, 2020, at approximately 2:07 a.m., when a 2003 Chevrolet Suburban was traveling westbound on Old Baltimore Pike approaching Robert L. Melson Lane. Three occupants inside of a 2015 Hyundai Sonata were traveling eastbound on Old Baltimore Pike. For unknown reasons, the Sonata crossed into westbound lanes striking the front of the Suburban for a head on collision.

The operator of the Suburban, a 35 year-old male from Newark, DE was pronounced deceased at the scene.

The operator of the Sonata, a 25 year-old male from Cary, NC was properly restrained and transported to Christiana Hospital where he was pronounced deceased. The front seat passenger in the Sonata, a 26 year-old male from New Castle, DE was properly restrained and transported to Christiana Hospital where he was pronounced deceased. The third occupant, a 26 year-old male from Linwood, PA who was seated in the second row was transported to Christiana Hospital and treated for serious injuries.

All names are being withheld at this time pending the notifications of next of kin.

Westbound Old Baltimore Pike was closed for approximately 3.5 hours while the crash was investigated and cleared.

The investigation is ongoing, and anyone with information regarding the crash should contact Det. Forester of the Troop 2 Collision Reconstruction Unit by calling 302-365-8485.

Information may also be provided by calling Delaware crime stoppers at 1-800-TIP-3333 or via the internet at <http://www.delaware.crimestoppersweb.com>

If you or someone you know is a victim or witness of crime or have lost a loved one to a sudden death and are in need of assistance, the Delaware State Police Victim Services Unit/Delaware Victim Center is available to offer you support and resources 24 hours a day through a toll free hotline 1800 VICTIM-1. (1800 842-8461). You may also email the unit Director at [debra.reed@state.de.us](mailto:debra.reed@state.de.us).

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